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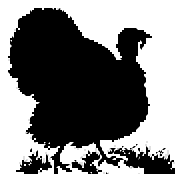
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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was fully steady, instances firm. Trading was light. Movement of whole turkeys starting to go into full swing for holiday deliveries. Demand was uneven ranging from light to fairly good for both fresh and frozen whole birds. Bulk parts and meats trading was slow. Offerings were mixed.

### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on frozen thigh meat and mechanically separated turkey, balance slow. Demand was light to moderate, with the most interest noted from Russia and Mexico. Offerings moderate.

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **OCTOBER 28, 2004**

	CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
<b>8-16 LB HENS</b>									
EASTERN REGION 3/	77-81	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	77-78	77	77.00	40	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	77-78	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>									
EASTERN REGION 3/	75-77	76	76.00	80	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	75-77	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	76-77	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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CENTRAL REGION 4/	77-79	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	78-79	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>									
EASTERN REGION 3/	75-77	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	75-79	79	79.00	17	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	76-77	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

**WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF OCT 29, 2004	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO	MONTH OF OCTOBER	CURRENT MONTH	LAST SAME MONTH	SAME MONTH YEAR AGO
<b>8-16 LB HENS</b>				<b>8-16 LB HENS</b>			
EASTERN REGION	77.00	77.09	67.38	EASTERN REGION	76.89	74.69	66.08
CENTRAL REGION	77.00	76.20	70.90	CENTRAL REGION	76.76	74.27	65.48
WESTERN REGION	77.00	77.10 **	66.80	WESTERN REGION	76.78	74.50	65.93
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>				<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>			
EASTERN REGION	76.00	76.36	65.69	EASTERN REGION	75.95	73.98	63.20
CENTRAL REGION	79.00	76.25	64.79	CENTRAL REGION	75.83	73.60	63.02
WESTERN REGION	76.74	76.30 **	65.00	WESTERN REGION	76.08	73.98	63.34

\*\*BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,  
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	83
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	84
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	84

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY  
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	113-123
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	112-123
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	106-116
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	106-120
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	112-122

**FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT**

U.S. GRADE A DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION,  
CENTS PER POUND, WEEK OF 01-NOV-2004

	<u>HENS (8-16#)</u>	<u>TOMS (16-24#)</u>
	<u>PRICE (000)</u>	<u>PRICE (000)</u>
SALES (Promotions Included)	88.83 315	90.05 140
SALES (Promotions not included)	88.83 315	90.05 140
SALES (Promotions only)		
SALES (Price to be determined)		

**TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND (IN THOUSAND POUNDS)**

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

September	425,583*
October 1-23, 2004	317,244*
To date 2004	4,097,307*
To date 2003	4,394,336*

\*Preliminary

**TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS**

W/E 23-Oct-2004 BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS (PRELIMINARY)

		<u>YOUNG TURKEYS</u>		<u>TOTAL TURKEYS</u>	
		<u>PCT</u>	<u>AVG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>AVG</u>
		<u>CHG</u>	<u>LIVE</u>	<u>BANDED</u>	<u>LIVE</u>
<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	<u>PW</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>-THOUSAND HEAD-</u>	<u>WT</u>	
North East	741	29	21.04	(A)	743 21.04
South Atlantic	773	9	30.58	(A)	775 30.58
North Central	2,081	-5	32.21	(A)	2,083 32.21
South Central	473	22	21.50	(A)	474 21.50
West	422	35	25.65	(A)	423 25.65
U.S. total	4,490(B)	7	28.34	8	4,498 28.34
To-date					
2004	181,965(B)			308	182,273
To-date					
2003	196,861(B)			554	197,415

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 87,000; for the current year to date 2,207,000; for last year to date 2,688,000.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

W/E 23-Oct-2004

	<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>YOUNG</u>	<u>OLD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>HENS</u>	<u>TOMS</u>	<u>BREEDERS</u>	<u>TURKEYS</u>
	<u>Thousands</u>			
Head	1,806	2,597	87	8 4,498
Avg Wt	16.53	36.70	24.01	29.66 28.34
Last week	1,515	2,624	40	8 4,187
Same wk yr ago	1,801	3,022	78	0 4,901
Avg Wt	16.04	34.33	26.61	0.00 27.49
To-date/2004	72,358	107,400	2,207	308 182,273
To-date/2003	78,862	115,311	2,688	554 197,415

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**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT,** FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 28 OCTOBER 2004.

Tom drums steady to barely steady; necks, full cut wings and v-type wings steady. Supplies of tom drums were more than adequate, other tom parts were balanced to closely cleared. Demand was fair at best on tom parts as buyers focus more attention on holiday items. Hen v-type wings were extremely tight, other parts adequate for the light demand. A moderate volume of fresh thigh meat traded at 80 cents for delivery through December 2004. Livers and hearts were 27.5 cents into pet food. Export trading centered on a heavy volume of fresh tom drums at open prices delivered through February 2005 and a fair volume of frozen thigh meat for current shipment.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	100.00	120
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		R	165.24	182
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	91.00		91.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		W	42.19	106
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		W	42.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	42.00		42.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	56.00		56.00	80
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	53.00		53.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	49.80	100
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	95.00	21
NECKS, TOM		W	28.52	113
NECKS, HEN	23.00		23.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	173.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/		W	216.00	36
THIGH MEAT				
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	91.00		91.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		T	128.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT				
TENDERLOINS		W	169.83	48
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		W	188.82	220
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	100.00		100.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		T	18.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/		W	18.50	40
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		T	39.00	120
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		M	22.00	208
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	20.58	144
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	78.00		78.00	208

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

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The market on fresh white meat was steady to fully steady, mostly steady. Demand light to fair. Offerings light to adequate. The market on frozen tom breast meat was fully steady on new production, steady to fully steady on product with 3-6 months age. Demand light to fair. Offerings of frozen tom breast meat from new production short of buyers' needs, 3-6 months age light to adequate. Interest was noted from Canada on fresh tom breast meat for both current and deferred shipments and also on frozen tom breast meat. The market on the balance of frozen white meat was steady to firm. Demand fair for the short to light offerings. The market on non-Russian thigh meat and mechanically separated turkey and thigh meat was steady to barely steady. Demand light to moderate with offerings in a full range. Trading centered on moderate volumes of mechanically separated turkey for domestic and export shipments and on a moderate volume of fresh tom breast meat for domestic shipments, balance light. For domestic: livers 22.50 delivered pet foods, fresh tom wings 57 cents delivered. Fresh thigh meat traded at 88 cents delivered export.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
					WTD AVG PRICE	
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	100.00	120	99.50	160
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/						
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	91.00	40	91.83	240
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	43.00		43.00	120	42.35	252
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH	41.00		41.00	40	41.50	80
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		R	42.00	20	41.63	86
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	57.00		57.00	40	55.99	286
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		R	53.00	20	51.98	41
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	49.80	100	49.00	140
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN						
NECKS, TOM	28.50-29.00		28.75	80	28.57	208
NECKS, HEN		R	23.00	40	23.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	173.00	40	173.00	40
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	214.00-216.00		214.71	373	214.83	409
THIGH MEAT						
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		R	91.00	40	91.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT	131.00		131.00	80	130.00	120
SCAPULA MEAT						
TENDERLOINS		W	169.83	48	169.83	48
DESTRAPPED TENDERS						
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		R	100.00	40	91.00	80
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	188.00-189.00		188.71	70	188.79	290
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	21.00		21.00	40	19.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	18.00-19.00		18.68	440	18.67	480
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	39.00		39.00	40	39.00	160
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS		M	22.00	208	22.00	208
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	18.50-21.00		19.71	512	19.71	512
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	78.00-82.00		79.74	184	79.40	600

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